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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 0462

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPUS, PORS, CY

SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0461

1. SEVENTEEN (17) PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT. THEY INCLUDE THE 2
TERRORISTS, 4 CREW MEMBERS AND 11 HOSTAGES. MININT VENIAMIN,
EDEK LEADER LYSSARIDES AND SYRIAN MILATT HADDAD WERE RELEASED
AND NOT REPEAT NOT AMONG HOSTAGES. TERRORISTS ALSO RELEASED
TWO UNIDENTIFIED MALES.

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2. MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY HAS LEARNED THAT HOSTAGES INCLUDE:
OTHTMAN BENAN (MOROCCAN DELEGATE TO AAPSO CONFERENCE); SAYYID
MUGHRABI (SUDANESE DELEGATE); ABU MAYZAR (OFFICIAL PLO
SPOKESMAN); ABD RAZZAQ YAHYA (PLO OFFICIAL); GEORGE BATAL (MEMBER
OF LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY); DR. MUSTAFA MURAD (OF SYRIA);
MUSTAFA AMIN (OF SYRIA); AND A MR. COLOMBO (HEAD OF SOMALIAN

DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE).

3. CYPRUS AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT (720B) WITH TERRORISTS AND HOSTAGES DEPARTED LARNACA AIRPORT AT 2030 HOURS LOCAL. ACCORDING TO CYPRUS AIRWAYS GENERAL MANAGER, PILOTS FILED FLIGHT PLAN FOR KUWAIT. HE NOT AWARE OF ANY ACCEPTANCE OF AIRCRAFT BY KUWAIT GOVERNMENT. PLANE HAS SEVEN HOURS FLIGHT CAPABILITY. KUWIAT IS APPROX TWO AND ONE HALF FLIGHT FOURS DISTANT FROM CYPRUS. CRAWFORD

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